



1102B203

Introduction to Business Law

Instructor: Dr. Michael Barry

Time: Monday through Friday (June 15, 2020 - July 17, 2020)

Office Hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

Location: Huiquan Building

Office: Huiquan Building 518

Course Description

In today's rapidly-evolving and globalized business world, in which commerce crosses so many national and international boundaries, an understanding of the numerous applicable legal issues is crucial. This course provides an introduction to international business law from a practical, and realistic, very Modern perspective. The goal is to furnish students with the information and Analytical tools necessary to grasp the legal considerations important to Contemporary businesses and business transactions.

In addition to providing a general introduction to the American legal system, this course will focus on specific business-oriented legal topics such as contracts, e-commerce, corporations, partnerships, intellectual property, international/world trade law, cyber piracy, and the Uniform Commercial Code.

Required Textbook(s)

Business Law, 8th Edition, by Cheeseman (published in 2013 by Prentice Hall/Pearson) ISBN-10: 0132890410, ISBN-13: 9780132890410

Prerequisites

No prerequisites

Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

Course Schedule

Please note that the schedule is meant to give an overview of the major concepts in this course. Changes may occur in this calendar as needed to aid in the student's development.

Week 1

- Monday: Introduction
Chapter1: Legal Heritage and the Digital Age
Chapter2: Courts and Jurisdiction
- Tuesday: Chapter3: Judicial, Alternative, and E-Dispute Resolution
Chapter7: Intellectual Property and Cyber Piracy
- Wednesday: Chapter8: Criminal Law and Cyber Crimes
Chapter9: Nature of Traditional and E-Contracts
- Thursday: Chapter10: Agreement
- Friday: Review and Film Activity

Week 2

- Monday: Chapter11: Consideration and Promissory Estoppel
Chapter12: Capacity and Legality
- Tuesday: Chapter13: Genuineness of Assent and Undue Influence
Chapter14: Statute of Frauds and Equitable Exceptions
- Wednesday: Chapter15: Third-Party Rights and Discharge
Chapter16: Remedies for Breach of Traditional and E-Contracts
- Thursday: Chapter17: E-Commerce and Digital Law
- Friday: Review and Class Activity
Basic Appellate Brief 1 DUE

Week 3

- Monday: Chapter34: Small Business, Entrepreneurship, General Partnerships
Chapter35: Limited Partnerships and Special Partnerships

Tuesday: Chapter36: Corporate Formation and Financing
Chapter37: Corporate Governance and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

Wednesday: **Exam 1**

Thursday Chapter38: Corporate Acquisitions and Multinational Corporations
Chapter39: Limited Liability: Companies and Partnerships

Friday: Review and Class activity

Week 4

Monday: Chapter40: Franchises and Special Forms of Business
Chapter41: Investor Protection,E-Securities,and Wall Street Reform
Basic Appellate Brief 2 DUE

Tuesday: Chapter42: Ethics and Social Responsibility of Business
Chapter43: Administrative Law and Regulatory Agencies

Wednesday: Chapter44: Consumer Protection and Product Safety
Chapter45: Environmental Protection

Thursday: Chapter46: Antitrust Law and Unfair Trade Practices

Friday: Review and Class Activity

Week 5

Monday: Chapter 29: Agency Formation and Termination
Chapter 30: Liability of Principals, Agents, and Contractors

Tuesday: Chapter 31: Employment, Worker Protection, and Immigration Law
Chapter 32: Labor Law and Collective Bargaining

Wednesday: Chapter 33: Equal Opportunity in Employment
Chapter 54: International and World Trade Law

Thursday: **Final Exam**

Friday: Reflections, Conclusions
Major Appellate Brief DUE

Course Requirements

1. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class.

2. Students are expected to read the required readings prior to the class session in which they are discussed.
3. Class Conduct: Consistent, respectful and informed participation is expected from every student in the course. This includes:
 - * Respectful discussion that avoids personal history;
 - * No email or Internet usage during class;
 - * Cell phones turned off when class begins.
4. I will respond to emails in a timely manner. It is best to make an appointment or speak to me after lecture.
5. It is your responsibility to keep me updated with attendance, email, etc.
6. Please check your email regularly for instructions and readings.

Grading Policy

Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Basic Appellate Brief 1	7.5%
Basic Appellate Brief 2	7.5%
Major Appellate Brief	10%
Presentations	5%
<u>Attendance/Participation</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90~100
Good	B	80~89
Satisfactory	C	70~79
Poor	D	60~69
Failed	E	Below 60

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory in the class. It would be recorded each class and forms part of students' participation record. Students should inform the instructor at the earliest opportunity if they need to ask for a leave. All absences may have negative effect on students' final grades. Any students with more than three unexcused absences will automatically fail the course.

Academic Integrity

As members of the Jinan University academic community, students are expected to be honest in all of their academic coursework and activities. Academic dishonesty, includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e., misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or a substantially similar paper, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; or sabotaging other students' work within these general definitions. Instructors, however, determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties that range from the lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.